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RESOLUTIONS BEARING ON THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. The resolutions and decisions bearing on the work of the Commission which were adopted by the General Assembly at its fiftieth session and by the Economic and Social Council at its regular session in 1995 are brought to the attention of the Commission. The relevant extracts from these texts are quoted or summarized in this note as necessary. The full texts are contained in the officials Records of the Council and of the General Assembly.

2. The resolutions and decisions are presented in two parts: Part I includes those which directly bear on the work of the Commission, and Part II those which the Commission may wish to consider when determining future orientations of ECE work.

PART I

A. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS FIFTIETH SESSION

50/95 International trade and development

3. The Assembly emphasizes "the importance of strengthening and attaining a greater universality of the international trading system and welcoming the process directed towards the accession of economies in transition and developing countries that are non-members of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade into the World Trade Organization thereby contributing to their rapid and full interaction into the multilateral trading system;" and also

recognizes "that the subregional and regional economic integration processes, including those among developing countries, which have intensified in recent years, impart substantial dynamism to global trade and enhance trade and development possibilities for all countries, and stressing that in order to maintain the positive aspects of such integration arrangements and to assure the prevalence of their dynamic growth effects, Member States and groupings should be outward oriented and supportive of the multilateral trading system."

4. In operative paragraph 26 it requests UNCTAD and invites the WTO, in accordance with their respective mandates and competence and in close cooperation with other competent UN bodies and the regional commissions to address trade and environment matters and to report through the Commission on Sustainable Development to ECOSOC and the General Assembly at its special session in 1997 on the concrete progress achieved on the issue of trade and environment.

50/101 Science and technology for development

5. In operative paragraph 16 the Assembly requests the relevant organizations, funds and programmes of the UN to continue to promote the development of effective and mutually beneficial technological cooperation between countries with economies in transition and all other countries, including in the area of new and emerging technologies.

50/104 Women in development

6. In operative paragraph 9, the Assembly "calls upon the United Nations system, in particular its funds and programmes and specialized agencies, and all other relevant organizations to promote and active and visible policy of mainstreaming gender perspective in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of all policies and programmes".

50/108 UN initiative on opportunity and participation

7. In operative paragraph 6 the Assembly encourages the relevant agencies and organizations of the UN system, in particular the UNDP and the regional commissions, to increase their efforts in promoting opportunity and participation and to develop those concepts and incorporate them into their strategies and programmes, including regional and national workshops and seminars.

50/113 Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

8. In operative paragraph 7, the Assembly "invites Governments as well as relevant regional and subregional organizations to consider undertaking reviews of progress achieved since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development at the national, subregional, regional and interregional levels with a view to contributing to the preparations for the special session."

9. In operative paragraph 8, it "welcomes the preparation of hemispheric, regional and subregional conferences on sustainable development, and in that context invites the Governments concerned to contribute to the special session the outcomes of such conferences."

50/120 Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

10. In operative paragraph 20, the Assembly "requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States and United Nations organizations, to consider ways of enhancing the coordination of United Nations development activities at the regional and subregional levels, including ways of enhancing the role of the regional commissions and promoting the national ownership of regional programmes."

50/124 Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

11. In operative paragraph 8, the Assembly "renews its call to all Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and other major groups concerned with population and development issues, including intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, parliamentarians and other community leaders, to continue to give the widest possible dissemination to the Programme of Action, including the use of electronic data networks, to seek public support for its goals, objectives and actions, and to maintain and enhance partnership between Governments and non-governmental organization so as to ensure their continued contributions and cooperation concerning all aspects of population and development "

12. In operative paragraph 18, the Assembly "invites the regional commissions, other regional and subregional organizations and the development banks to continue to examine and analyse the results of implementation of the Programme of Action at the regional level under their respective mandates."

13. In operative paragraph 23, it "requests the funds and programmes of the United Nations system and the regional commissions to continue to provide their full and active support to the implementation of the Programme of Action, particularly at the field level, through the United Nations resident coordinator system and invites the relevant specialized agencies to do the same."

50/130 Communication for development programmes in the United Nations system

14. In operative paragraph 9, the Assembly "invites the relevant agencies, organizations, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as Governments and the regional commissions, to consider identifying focal points for the purpose of facilitating dialogue in the exchange of information on communication on issues related to development so as to strengthen coordination and international cooperation in this area".

50/161 The implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development.

15. In operative paragraph 33, the Assembly "invites, within their mandates, the regional commissions, in cooperation with the regional intergovernmental organizations and banks, to consider convening, on a biennial basis, a meeting at high political level to review progress made towards implementing the outcome of the Summit, to exchange views on their respective experiences and to adopt the appropriate measures."

50/164 The improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (see also ECOSOC Resolution 1995/28)

16. In operative paragraph 11, the Assembly "strongly encourages Member States to support the strategic plan and the efforts of the United Nations and the specialized agencies to increase the percentage of women in the Professional posts, especially at the D-1 level and above, by identifying and submitting more women candidates, encouraging women to apply for vacant posts and creating national rosters of women candidates to be shared with the Secretariat, the specialized agencies and the regional commissions."

50/203 The Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

17. In operative paragraph 9, the Assembly "recognizes the importance attached to the regional monitoring of the global and regional platforms for action, by regional commissions and other subregional or regional structures, within their mandates, in consultation with Governments, and the necessity of promoting cooperation among national Governments of the same region in this respect."

18. In operative paragraph 10, it "invites the Economic and Social Council, in order to facilitate the regional implementation, monitoring and evaluation process, to consider reviewing the institutional capacity of the United Nations regional commissions within their mandates, including their women's units or focal points, to deal with gender-related issues in the light of the Platform for Action, as well as the regional platforms and plans of action, and to give consideration, inter alia, and where appropriate, to strengthening the capacity in this respect."

B. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS REGULAR SESSION, 1995

1995/4 Science and technology for development

19. In paragraph 3, the Council "decides that the Commission should assist the United Nations system in identifying and promoting replicable demonstration activities and programmes, involving different countries from different regions, that apply science and technology to the satisfaction of basic needs, and recommends that the operational mechanisms of the United Nations system, including the Department for Development Support and Management Services of the United Nations Secretariat, the regional

commissions and other relevant organizations, such as the United Nations Development Programme, disseminate information and facilitate the application of science and technology in meeting basic needs"

20. In paragraph 6, the Council invites the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development, in cooperation with the regional commissions to elaborate guidelines for the application of technologies that support integrated land management under site- and region-specific conditions, and to work together with a view to designing programmes to address specific land management problems and assisting developing countries and economies in transition in implementing such programmes and sharing the information thus obtained.

21. Resolution 1995/54 is also related to the issues of science and technology for development. In paragraph 6/e, the Council, requests the relevant organizations, funds and programmes of the United Nations "to continue to promote more effective technology cooperation between developed countries, developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in particular by providing better access to technology and transfer of technology through, inter alia, fostering foreign direct investment from developed to developing countries, as well as to countries with economies in transition, including the areas of new and emerging technologies."

1995/21 International Year of Older Persons: towards a society for all ages

22. In paragraph 7, the Council "invites the regional commissions, within the existing mandates, to bear in mind the goals of the Year in convening regional meetings in 1998 and 1999 at which to mark the Year and formulate action plans on ageing for the twenty-first century."

1995/28 Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat

23. In paragraph 10, the Council "strongly encourages Member States to support the strategic plan and the efforts of the United Nations and the specialized agencies to increase the percentage of women in the Professional category, especially in posts at the D-1 level and above, by identifying and sending forward more women candidates, encouraging women to apply for vacant posts and creating national rosters of women candidates to be shared with the Secretariat, the specialized agencies and the regional commissions."

1995/45 International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

24. In paragraph 4, the Council, "commends the Institute for its efforts further to develop active and close cooperation with the specialized agencies and related organizations of the United Nations system, the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations University, the regional commissions and

other organs, programmes and institutions, so as to promote programmes that contribute to the advancement of women."

1995/48 Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar

25. In paragraph 1, the Council welcomes "the cooperation on the project for the link through the Strait of Gibraltar established between the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Governments of Morocco and Spain and specialized international organizations".

26. In the resolution the Council commends ECE and ECA on the work done in preparing the project follow-up report requested by the Council in its resolution 1993/60, even though necessary resources were not forthcoming from the General Assembly, and requests them to take an active part in the follow-up to the project and to report to the Council at its substantive session of 1997. The Council requests the Secretary-General to provide formal support and, to the extent that priorities permit, necessary resources, with the regular budget, to ECE and ECA to enable them to carry out these activities.

1995/51 Overall guidance on operational activities for development to the United Nations funds and programmes

27. Paragraphs 3 and 4 request the United Nations funds and programmes to take into account the specific needs and requirements of the countries with economies in transition and of different regions".

PART II

ISSUES RELATED TO THE ECE PROGRAMME OF WORK

A. GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

50/1 Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization

50/6 Declaration on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations

50/51 Implementation of Charter provisions related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

50/52 Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

50/57 Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations

50/62 The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament

50/63 The role of science and technology in the context of international security, disarmament and other related fields.

50/75 Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region

50/97 Specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries

50/105 Developing human resources for development

50/106 Business and development

50/107 Observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty and proclamation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty

50/122 Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international cooperation for development through partnership

B. RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SUBSTANTIVE SESSION OF 1995

1995/5 Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

1995/6 Role of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in the Development of a harmonized system of classification and labelling of chemicals for implementing chapter 19 of Agenda 21

1995/7 2000 World Population and Housing Census Programme

1995/39 Annual sessions of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

1995/46 Water supply and sanitation

1995/50 Operational activities of the United Nations for International development cooperation segment

1995/53 Consumer protection

1995/233 Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

1995/236 Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its twenty-eighth session and provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session of the Commission

1995/239 Report of the Statistical Commission on its twenty-eighth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-ninth session of the Commission

1995/240 Report of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development on its special session and provisional agenda and documentation for the second session of the Committee

1995/250 Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields

1995/252 Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-ninth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the fortieth session of the Commission

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